

**Amendment to the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide which is critical for survival and growth of the yeast *Candida albicans* and wherein the nucleic acid molecule has a nucleic acid sequence that is at least 90% homologous to said isolated nucleic acid molecule having a sequence comprising SEQ ID No: 1.
2. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide which is critical for survival and growth of the yeast *Candida albicans* and wherein the nucleic acid molecule has a nucleic acid sequence that is ~~a fragment or derivative of~~ at least 90% homologous to SEQ ID No: 1.
3. Canceled.
4. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide which is critical for survival and growth of the yeast *Candida albicans* wherein the nucleic acid molecule consists of SEQ ID No: 1.
5. Canceled.
6. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 which is mRNA.
7. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 which is DNA.
8. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 7 which is cDNA.

9. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule capable of hybridising to the molecules according to claim 1 under high stringency conditions.
10. Canceled.
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14. Canceled.
15. (Previously Presented) An expression vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 7.
16. (Original) An expression vector according to claim 15 which comprises an inducible promoter.
17. (Previously Presented) An expression vector according to claim 15 which comprises a sequence encoding a reporter molecule.
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- 35. (Previously Presented) An oligonucleotide comprising a fragment of from 10 to 50 contiguous nucleic acid sequences of a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1.
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